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# The 'SNL' election?

**Live from New York, it's undecided voters' chance to meet the candidates**

## Chicago Tribune

Tina Fey's signature red suit and faux Alaskan accent were hard to miss in 2008.

This election year, the next star political imitator on "Saturday Night Live" may be Jay Pharoah, the show's newly anointed portrayer of President Obama, taking over the role from fellow cast member Fred Armisen. And as "SNL" continues its jabs at candidates' idiosyncrasies in the weeks ahead, at least one expert says those depictions could affect voting behavior.

Mike Dabadie, co-founder of Virginia-based Heart + Mind Strategies, a nonpartisan research group, conducted a survey on Election Day 2008 to see how "SNL" skits may have influenced the electorate.

Dabadie found that 66 percent of voters

had seen the sketches portraying Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin; her running mate, John McCain; Obama; and his running mate, Joe Biden. With increased recognition of the "SNL" brand of political humor, that number could rise this election season, Dabadie said.

Because many voters may have already decided for whom they'll vote, Dabadie said the greatest potential effect is on independent voters. About 12 percent of registered independents who had seen the "SNL" skits in 2008 said the impersonations made them less likely to vote for McCain and Palin. Four percent said the same of Obama and Biden. In swing states, 14 percent of voters who had seen the sketches said they were less likely to vote for McCain and Palin, while 6 percent were less likely to vote for Obama and Biden.

"The campaigns are fighting over a smaller, switchable group of voters," Dabadie said. "In a tight election like 2008—and in a tight election like this one—[candidate portrayals] can

have a substantial impact."

But Robert Thompson, director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University, said the comedy bits likely would affect voters only if some unknown attribute is revealed.

"Take Will Ferrell doing George W. Bush: That was hysterical," Thompson said. "But I don't know that any undecided voter would sway because of that. I can't imagine anybody who's going to vote would say, 'Oh, I didn't realize he was like this.'"

Although Pharoah "has mastered some really subtle ticks" of the president, Thompson said, he likely won't influence voters as much as Fey did in 2008.

Dabadie said the skills of the actors matter too.

"The extent to which the actor is making a connection to the person he or she's trying to portray matters," Dabadie said. "If the actor isn't coming across as funny or genuine, it won't have as big of an impact."

## FIVE GUYS

Lots of men have played the presidents at "SNL" over the years. Here are a few memorable ones, plus the current guy.



**Phil Hartman,**  
President Ronald  
Reagan



**Dana Carvey,**  
President  
George H. W. Bush

**Darrell Hammond,**  
President Bill  
Clinton



**Will Ferrell,**  
President George  
W. Bush

**Jay Pharoah,**  
President Obama

# That rare time I file a CTA complaint



GOING PUBLIC

**Tracy Swartz**  
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Each day, CTA customer service reps hear from hundreds of riders offering compliments and complaints. Last week, Going Public was one of these riders.

I've logged hundreds of hours riding CTA buses and trains and rarely have I experienced the poor customer service I

encountered last week.

The incident occurred after the CTA's meeting in Edgewater about public art projects for the Red Line. Oddly, the meeting was held around the corner from the Thorndale station, which is shuttered for upgrades.

Since that station is closed, I took the No. 36 Broadway bus heading south. At Foster Avenue and Broadway, the bus driver got off the bus to make a routine driver switch. But the second driver wasn't there.

So we sat and waited at the intersection for the driver to arrive. And waited. And waited. I tweeted @CTA twice about the situation. The CTA social media team didn't respond.

Finally, after more than 10 minutes, the second driver arrived. As he got on the bus, a rider complained that he was late. "I'm not late. I'm on time. My time," the driver told the rider.

If the driver was apologetic for being late, I would have let it slide. But he was sassy—which made me angry. I wrote down the bus run number, time and driver's badge number.

The next day I filled out the customer service form on [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com). I explained

the incident and asked to be kept apprised of any punishment for the driver. Almost immediately I received an automated response from the CTA that the agency had received my email.

The day after, the CTA emailed again.

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I didn't feel the response was satisfactory. I wanted to know specifically what action the CTA was going to take so I emailed details of the incident to agency spokesman Brian Steele, who responded: "I have forwarded your e-mail to our Bus Operations group, and asked them to look into the matter, including speaking with the operator and pulling run records for that evening. I'm happy to keep you posted on the progress."

I told Steele that I felt I received better service as a reporter but he disagreed. He said he checked into the matter and found that my complaint on [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com) was forwarded to the right people.

But the problem is with the lack of follow-up. There needs to be more communication with riders after incidents are reported.

Mayor Emanuel's office announced last week it is upgrading the 311 service center, which handles everything from graffiti removal to tree trimming, to allow Chicagoans to track the progress of their requests. A similar CTA system for rider complaints could better keep the agency on track.

## STATIONARY

A weekly dispatch from a CTA station of note

This week: Bryn Mawr Red Line

If Bryn Mawr were a person, she would be the type of person a friend would submit to "What Not to Wear." Her walls are dirty and chipped and her platform and exits are narrow. A coat of paint isn't going to save Bryn Mawr. She needs a complete head-to-toe makeover. And while seven of her friends on the North Side Red Line are getting the station makeovers she so desperately needs, Bryn Mawr sits at home and waits to be saved. The CTA said it's still a couple of years away from unveiling project details or conceptual designs for Bryn Mawr. But one day, this ugly duckling will turn into Cinder-EL-la.

Next up: Grand Blue Line



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# THE SEASONS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

One of the things people like to laud social media for is its ever-evolving capabilities and its "you never know what's next" news cycle. To that, I call total BS. Social media is incredibly predictable and easy to forecast, much like seasons of weather. For proof, here are a few of the things you can expect from Twitter, Facebook and the like in the next couple of months, sample status updates and tweets included.

JESSICA GALLIANT, REDEYE'S SOCIAL MEDIA LADY



## Falling for Fall

Now through, um, like, the next two weeks?

"I'm wearing a scarf!!!!!!"

"PUMPKIN WHIPPED CREAM ON TOP OF PUMPKIN LATTE ENCASED IN A PUMPKIN MUG WITH PUMPKIN CANDLES BURNING! I LOVE FALL! (Instagram photo)"

## Football

September through the end of (bleeping) time

"Rabble rabble rabble REPLACEMENT REFS!"

"Snark about Jay Cutler and

babies or being a baby or something!"

"Whatever, the Packers still suck."



## Thanksgiving Meal Shopping

Nov. 15-22

"All stocked up for Friendsgiving next week! Can't wait to get the Crockpot rockin'! #foodiechats"

"How late is Jewel open tonight?"

"Longest line EVER at Dominick's right now. #FML"



## Halloween

Now through Oct. 31

"Halloween candy acquired!"

"Dear Candy Corn Haters: Please die. Love, me."

"What's everyone dressing up as for Halloween? I'm going to have the best costume EVER."

"HELP: Does anyone have a pair of angel wings or rainbow tube socks?"

## Halloween Backlash

Nov. 2

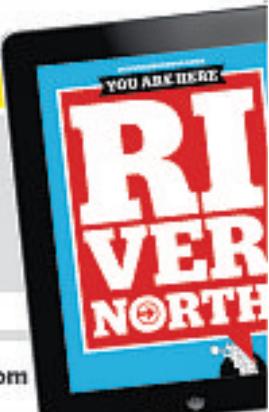
"Worst Halloween Ever."

"The day after Halloween should be national hangover holiday."

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Free Wi-Fi would be offered in public spaces such as Millennium Park, which had its free Wi-Fi activated Monday. SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE FILE

# Let there be Wi-Fi

## M-Rahm's new plan: Provide free Internet in Chicago's public spaces

### Chicago Tribune

Mayor Emanuel unveiled an ambitious plan Monday to establish Chicago as a hub for ultra-fast Internet service and provide free Wi-Fi in public spaces.

The city kicked off its Chicago Broadband Challenge in the morning by turning on free Wi-Fi in Millennium Park.

"Chicago will be one of the most connected cities in the world," Emanuel said. "The establishment of a world-class broadband network

in Chicago will create thousands of jobs and dramatically improve educational opportunities, economic development, health care services and general quality of life throughout the city."

Emanuel said his first goal is to build a network infrastructure that will offer Internet service at "gigabit" speeds, which are about 100 times faster than a basic cable modem. Google built such a network in Kansas City, Mo., that bypassed the local cable and phone companies.

While Google is selling its broadband service to consumers, Emanuel would like to focus the ultra-fast connections in commercial and industrial areas, what he called "innova-

### YOUR CALL

Mayor Emanuel said the city will seek input from the public via the Chicago Broadband Challenge website ([cityofchicago.org/broadband](http://cityofchicago.org/broadband)) to build the network and make sure it is customized for residents and companies.

tion zones."

The mayor also acknowledged that faster Internet service is needed in Chicago's disadvantaged neighborhoods.

The news release did not indicate how much it would cost to build the infrastructure network.

### EXPRESS LINES

» A 24-year-old man was charged with aggravated battery to an officer after a weekend brawl on Division Street that left two men stabbed and another badly beaten.

» Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno (1st) on Sunday released a statement asking Chick-fil-A President Dan Cathy to clarify comments he made to talk show host Mike Huckabee denying the company had stopped donating to organizations that oppose gay marriage.

» An oversized golf ball promoting the Ryder Cup was reported missing over the weekend from just north of the Michigan Avenue Bridge, according to police. It was decorated with the city skyline and features Jenny McCarthy's signature. TRIBUNE, RED EYE

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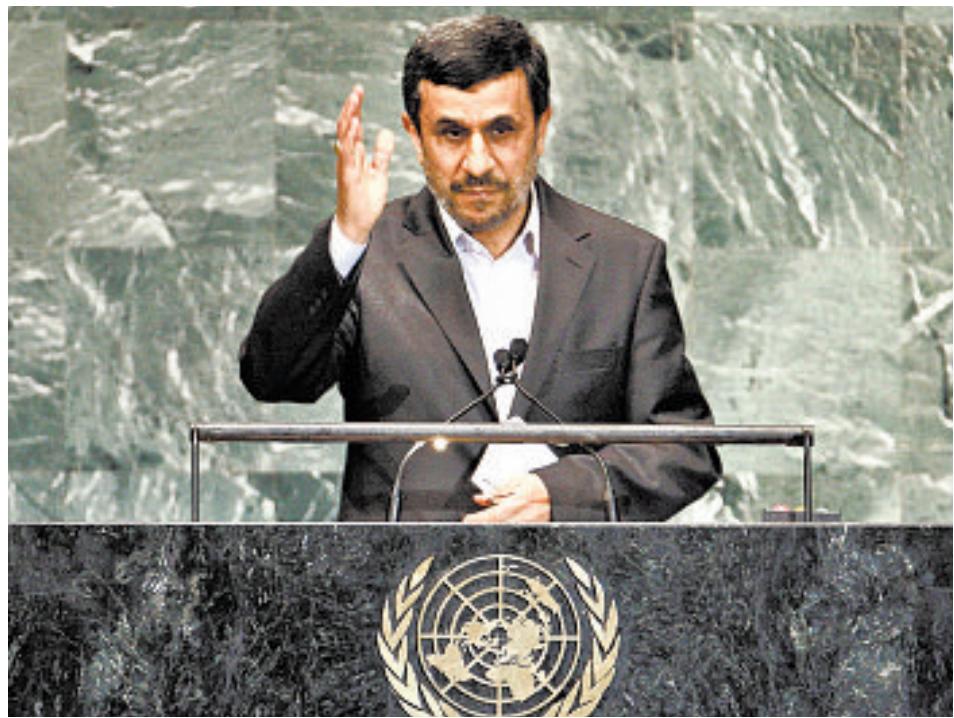
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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addresses diplomats during a meeting Monday at the United Nations in New York. **REUTERS**

# Iranian president's remarks draw ire

**NEW YORK** Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Monday disregarded a U.N. warning to avoid incendiary rhetoric and declared ahead of the annual General Assembly session that Israel has no roots in the Middle East and would be “eliminated.”

In remarks to reporters in New York, he also said he does not take seriously the threat that Israel could launch a military strike against Iran’s nuclear facilities, denied sending arms into Syria and called economic conditions in his sanctions-hit country “not as bad as they are portrayed.”

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has hinted Israel could strike Iran’s nuclear sites and has criticized President Obama’s position that sanctions and diplomacy should be given more time to stop Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

Iran denies that it is seeking nuclear arms and says its atomic work is peaceful, aimed at generating electricity.

“Fundamentally we do not take seriously the threats of the Zionists. ... We have all the defensive means at our disposal and we are ready to defend ourselves,” Ahmadinejad said.

He is in New York to attend the U.N. General Assembly. His speech is scheduled for Wednesday.

On Sunday, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon met with Ahmadinejad and warned him of the dangers of incendiary rhetoric in

### OBAMA'S SPEECH

When President Obama speaks inside the cavernous U.N. General Assembly hall Tuesday—exactly six weeks before the election—he will seek to reassure American voters as well as world leaders he is on top of the latest global challenges. But he won’t propose any new remedies or bold initiatives. Obama will address Muslim unrest related to an anti-Islamic video and underscore his commitment to preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon, the White House said.

the Middle East. Ahmadinejad did not heed the warning.

Ahmadinejad alluded to his previous rejection of Israel’s right to exist. “Iran has been around for the last seven, 10,000 years. They [the Israelis] have been occupying those territories for the last 60 to 70 years, with the support and force of the Westerners. They have no roots there in history,” he said, speaking to reporters through an interpreter.

The modern state of Israel was founded in 1948.

In 2005, Ahmadinejad called Israel a “tumor” and echoed the words of the former Iranian Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, saying that Israel should be wiped off the map.



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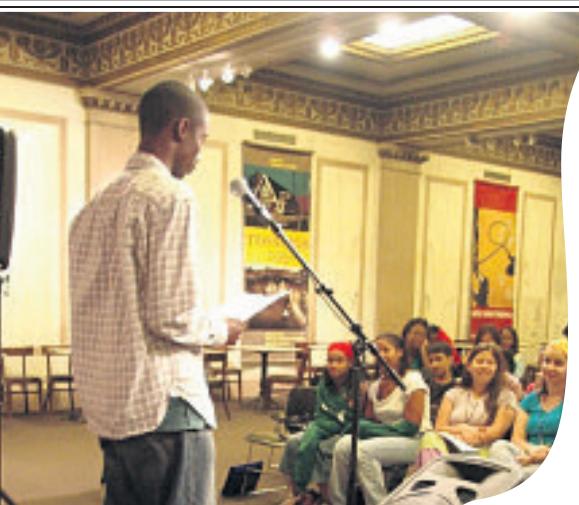
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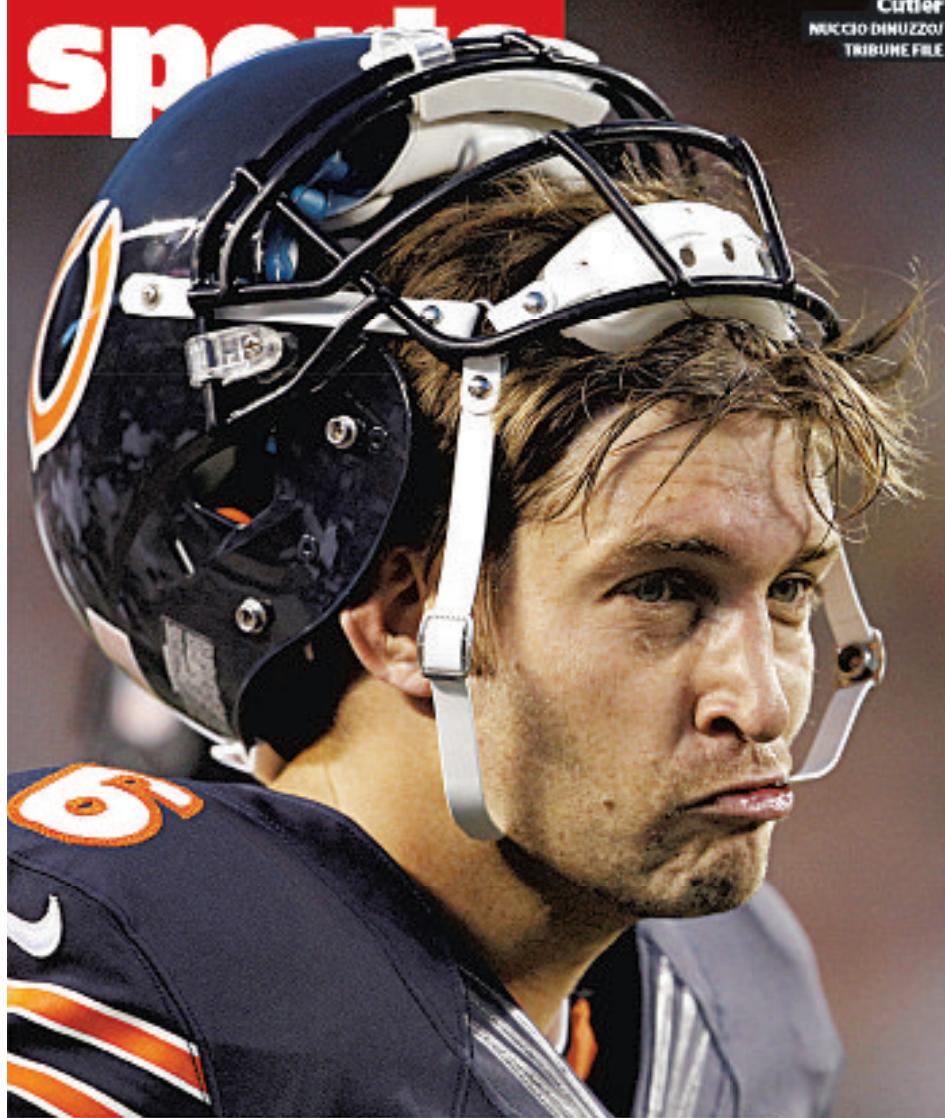
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# Seriously, Jay's happy

When it comes to Cutler's mood, is the joke on us?



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With all the talk about Jay Cutler's emotions, I started thinking: What does a happy Cutler look like? He smiles during news conferences, but they're the kind of smiles Jack Nicholson flashed in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" when he was pretending to take his crazy pill.

So I headed to the locker room last week determined to learn more about Happy Jay Cutler. As it happened, I passed Cutler in the hallway. Most guys will nod politely or say hello or at least make eye contact, but as with past encounters I've had with him, Cutler kept his head down and stepped past me.

The first man I saw was Gabe Carimi—a good one to talk to, I thought, because offensive linemen are likely to incur the wrath of Jay. So, Gabe, what does a happy Jay Cutler look like?

He stared at me like I'd asked him what a four-legged dog looks like. "Normal human characteristics. Smiling and stuff." He paused. Was a reporter really asking him what happiness looks like? "If people could see him not just when the cameras are on, yeah, you'd see a different side of him."

Next up was Roberto Garza, who quickly redirected my question into the standard pap about "going out there and trying to win football games." Garza is a nice man but seems skeptical of new reporters—when I noticed a few weeks ago that he and fellow offensive lineman Chris Spencer were wearing

matching black T-shirts with hard-to-read text, I asked him what the shirts said. "What, you can't read?" he said, and strolled off.

So why Cutler? Why do we care about the rough edges of his personality and not those of other players? Is this a Bears thing, a football thing?

The questions gnawed at me. I asked Eric Weems for three words to describe Cutler the football player and another three for Cutler the teammate. "Hard-working. Athletic. And smart," he said, and then, "Passionate. He loves what he does. And he's a great guy all around."

But is he jokey?

"Yeah, he's jokey," Weems said. "He's very jokey and happy, and when it's time to get serious, he's serious."

Across the locker room, Blake Costanzo, Geno Hayes and Sherrick McManis were hanging out. "Guys," I said, "three words to describe Jay Cutler the football player."

"Pass," Costanzo said as he and Hayes walked away laughing. They seemed determined not to get caught up in the pseudo-firestorm that ensnared D.J. Moore. This left McManis stranded. "Sherrick?" I asked.

"A ... great ... teammate." He grinned. "That'll work."

My efforts were going nowhere. But really, what business was it of mine to demand an understanding of someone else's relationship? A friend of mine summed it up nicely last week. She is in her 20s and her boyfriend is in his 40s. They get a lot of questions about "how that all works."

"A relationship is like a magic trick," she told me. "The only people who have to understand it are the ones who are in it."

Point taken.

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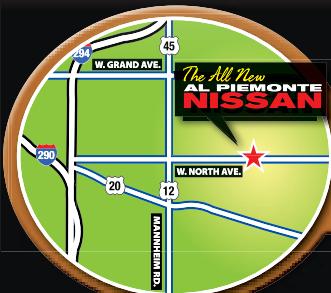
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The Bears have their group of sack specialists, and so do we. Wait, that came out wrong ...



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**1** The Bears have 14 sacks this season. What's their secret?

They're in the Illuminati.

Most of the sacks were shared with somebody else. #realfriends

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**2** What did Jay Cutler say to his offensive line after the win over St. Louis?

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"You know I only hit you because I love you."

"This town has great BBQ! My treat. We cool on that whole JMarcus thing?"

"Thanks for protecting me so I have no one to blame but myself ... jerks."

"Thank you for not making me have to bump one of you guys today."

**3** Why have the White Sox hitters struggled so much over the past week?

They're having a hard time concentrating with all the fan noise.

Somebody reminded them, "y'all know y'all the White Sox, right?"

Change in weather maybe? I don't know, they have been streaky all season.

Not listening to Hawk's suggestion of watching looped footage of Yaz at the plate.

Well it's easy to get complacent when you have a one-game lead.

**4** The Cubs honored Kerry Wood over the weekend. Who's next?

Ron Santo.

Steve Bartman.

Hopefully the fans! It's been a rough season.

Shouldn't Three Finger Brown get a Three Fingered Three Day Honorary Weekend?

Mike Quade ... Nah, I'm playing.

**5** How can you tell it's Ryder Cup week in Chicago?

Appropriate talk about holes has skyrocketed.

Everybody here on the South Side is going nuts about it!

The influx of Z-list reality stars in town hoping to catch the "eye of the tiger." (Get it?)

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All the guys in the Gold Coast are practicing screaming "GET IN THE HOLE!"

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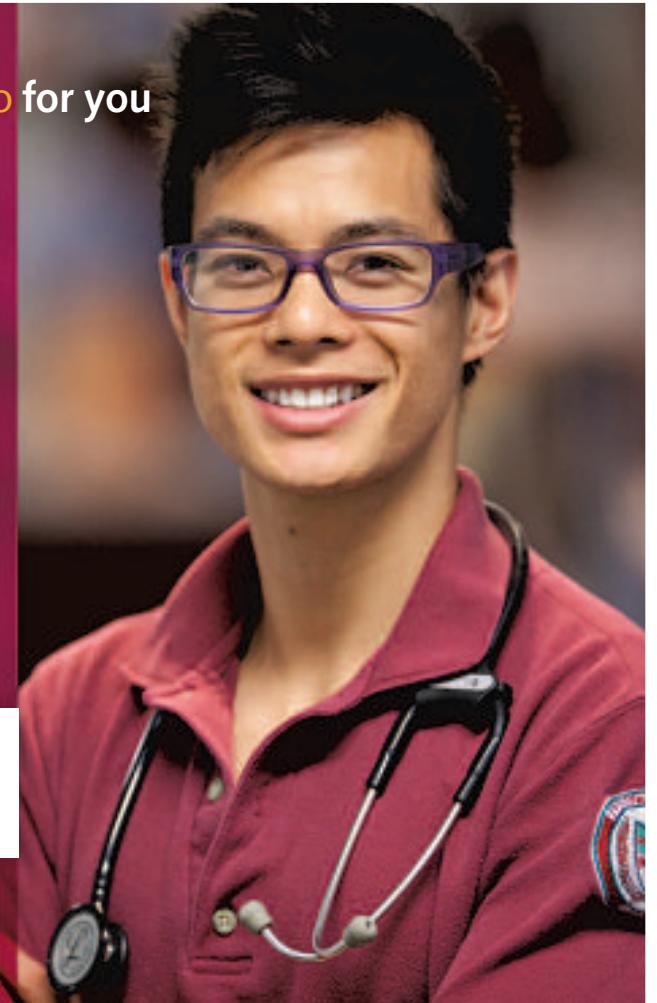
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# Bears Trivia Challenge

Thanks to all who entered Round 2 of RedEye's Bears Trivia Challenge! You're keeping us on our toes with our math, no doubt. This week's answer could go several ways, so let's start with the original question and our solution:

## Question:

Assuming everyone has them on (and has the normal amount of limbs), how many boots, hats and gloves are fans wearing in one weekend of sold-out games at every stadium in the NFC North?

## Answer:

The NFC North stadiums are as follows:

**Soldier Field:** 61,500

**Ford Field:** 65,000

**Lambeau Field:** 72,928

**Mall of America Field:** 64,111

Add those up and you get 263,539 fans. Assuming each fan is wearing two boots, two gloves and one hat, that's 527,078 boots, 527,078

gloves and 263,539 hats, or 1,317,695 articles of clothing (whether you tweeted the totals separately or as one, we considered it correct.)

Now, if you use Ford Field's expanded capacity of 70,000 (which, to be fair, we did not specify), you get 1,342,695 articles of clothing, so we also will consider that correct.

Congratulations to **@TheRealBigTom44**, who was randomly chosen from our pool of those who submitted correct answers. He'll appear Monday in the next Four Score.

We'll pose Round 3 of our challenge, both in print and at [redeyechicago.com](http://redeyechicago.com), on Friday—which represents your next chance to win! Follow and tweet **@redeyesportschi** for details.



Fans attend the NFC championship game between the Bears and Green Bay at Soldier Field in January 2011. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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» White Sox 5, Cleveland 4 (Magic number to clinch AL Central: 9) » NFL: Green Bay at Seattle, late



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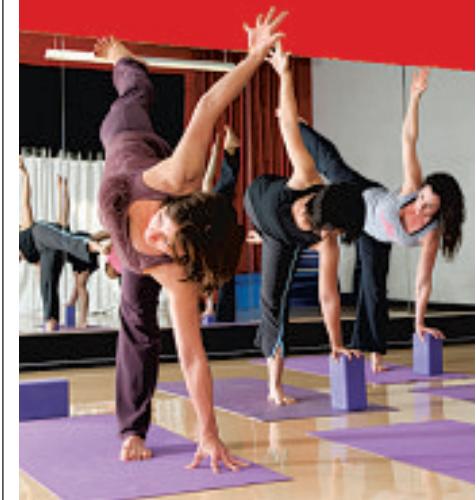
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—Mindy Kaling, on her success



Mindy Kaling  
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**MORE ONLINE**

Read Curt Wagner's full reviews of Fox's "The Mindy Project" (8:30 p.m. Tuesday) and "Ben and Kate" (7:30 p.m. Tuesday) at [showpatroltv.com](http://showpatroltv.com).

# WHO NEEDS MEN?

## UNATTACHED WOMEN ARRIVE ON TV SCREENS IN FULL FORCE THIS SEASON

### Los Angeles Times

Just before the opening credits of "The Mindy Project" materialize, Mindy Kaling as her eponymous character has a heart-to-heart with a Barbie-like doll—and moments later, gets served. "If you don't pull it together, no one will ever love you," the doll warns. Adding insult to injury, the plastic figurine notes that she "at least" has a boyfriend.

"When that hot, mean doll pointed out that even she had a boyfriend," Kaling's character says in a voice-over, "that's when I started to cry... This is not where I should be."

From Mary Tyler Moore on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" to Hannah Horvath of "Girls," the free-spirited single woman has been a staple of TV entertainment, a lightning rod for the culture wars and a mirror for society's shifting views about the place of a post-feminist woman. This season the single woman is one of the hottest commodities, and the abundance of prime-time single women reflects a societal reality. Barely half of all adults in the U.S. are married (a record low), according to a Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census data.

Those who find themselves tying the knot do so later in life, with the median age for brides at 26.5 years old. And if it feels like your Facebook feed is overrun with announcements of friends getting hitched, imagine how it might look in 1960—when 59 percent of women ages 18-29 were married, compared with 20 percent today.

The fall onslaught presents the unattached female in a variety of guises—women who are neither bimbos nor pure role models but trying to find their TV feet in 2012 just as real single women are.

"Society has always been obsessed with the



Candice Bergen on 'Murphy Brown'  
CBS

single woman," said Kate Bolick of the Atlantic, who wrote a recent cover story about her single life at 39 and how it reflects social trends—which was developed into a comedy pilot recently purchased by CBS.

The most high-profile dame leading the charge this season is Kaling. The 33-year-old leaves her eight-year stint as a writer and actor on "The Office" to make her headlining debut on Fox's "The Mindy Project" starring as an unlucky-in-love gynecologist.

Kaling, sitting in her studio office in Universal City decorated with "You've Got Mail" and "Hannah and Her Sisters" posters, said she's aware that her on-screen persona is not the most laudable figure; Kaling's Mindy Lahiri might pray that her next suitor is su-

### VIEWING HABITS

The gender dynamics in viewership for female-centric TV are as one might expect: More women prefer shows about single women. Last season, "2 Broke Girls" averaged 5.4 million female viewers versus 4.3 million male viewers, according to Nielsen. "New Girl" averaged 4.9 million female viewers and 3.1 million male viewers. However, when it came to HBO's "Girls," one of few of these series to depict nudity and the messy side of sex and single life, males outranked women (660,000 versus 557,000). Go figure. **LOS ANGELES TIMES**

perbly well endowed and takes pleasure in putting effort into date attire. (Then again, she doesn't pray, as viewers will see in Tuesday's series premiere.)

"It's tricky because I think when you're a woman creating a show, you become a role model in a way that kind of creeps up on you," Kaling said. "But that translates to a feeling of 'Well, don't make the character something that you wouldn't want girls to look up to and want to be.' But I'm not interested in doing a show that is just some political statement or trying to appease people by presenting women in a certain positive or altruistic light."

Some of her fictional single-women cohorts have other things on their mind too, like how to discipline their teen daughters or figuring out how they'll pick up their kid from school and make it to their night shift at the bar on time—just as real women do. As of 2011, 11.7 million families in the U.S. were headed by a single parent—of which more than 85 percent are headed by women, according to U.S. Census data.

Twenty years ago, fictional newswoman Murphy Brown (Candice Bergen), a more complicated version of the single working woman with her temperamental personality, drew the rage of a vice president with her decision to have a child out of wedlock. While such a notion might be a little less shocking these days, the bulk of single moms spotlighted this season are divorcees.

Ali Adler, co-creator of "The New Normal," said that women, particularly single moms, are experiencing a "what can I be when I grow up?" point in their lives. "The New Normal" showcases Georgia King as Goldie, a single mom from the Midwest who wants to give her daughter a better life and, with no money or resources, agrees to be the surrogate for a gay couple as a source of income. "To see [her] journey out into the world and to see that motherhood isn't the end for [her] is something that I think is important to explore."

Rebecca Traister, working on a book on the history of single women, said there is an immense change in what society thinks a woman's life should look like, largely because the values of the feminist movement have become so ingrained into contemporary lives.

For Dana Fox, creator of "Ben and Kate"—Fox's other new Tuesday night comedy with an unattached female lead, played by Dakota Johnson—that reality is a blessing and a curse.

"One of the things I think is interesting about our time right now is that we're not in that 'working girl' moment where a woman in an office or not being married is a surprise anymore," Fox said. "So there's less of a sense of, 'Oh, we need to talk about women's issues' —it used to be special and meaningful. In some ways, it's almost more difficult because we feel like we don't have to make a statement."

## ALL THE SINGLE LADIES

Here are several of the current crop of singles ladies on TV.



Kat Dennings and Beth Behrs of CBS' "2 Broke Girls"



Reba McEntire of ABC's "Malibu Country"



Zooey Deschanel of Fox's "New Girl"



Dakota Johnson of Fox's "Ben and Kate"



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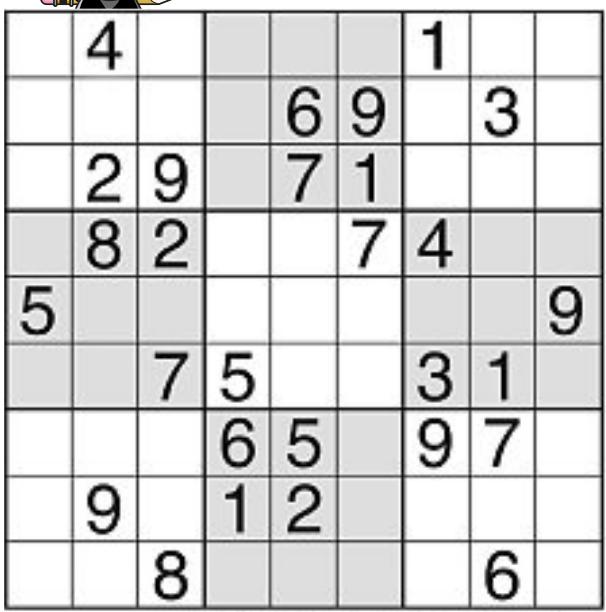


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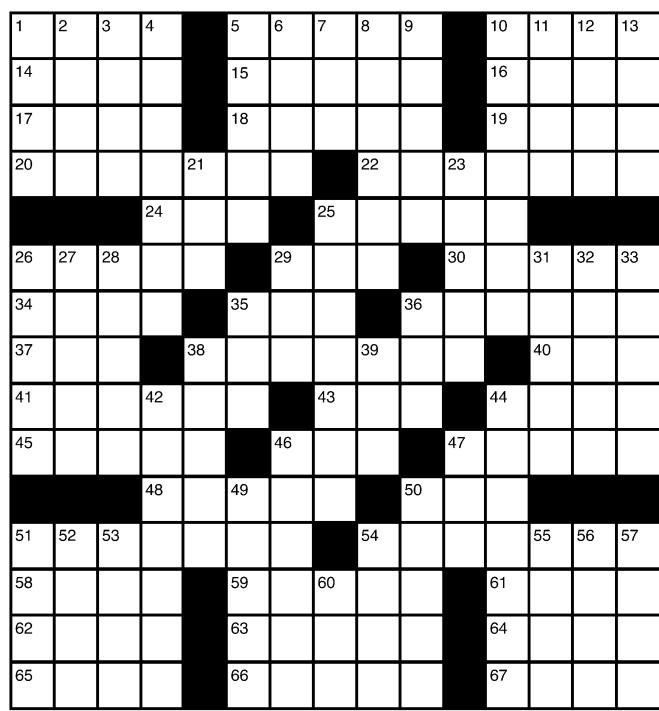
**1789:** The nation's first Congress, meeting in New York, adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of them would become the Bill of Rights.)

**1957:** With 300 Army soldiers standing guard because of unruly crowds, nine black students were escorted to their classes in Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas.

**1981:** Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

- ACROSS**
- Massages
  - Banquet
  - Loretta Swit TV series
  - Once again
  - Unser or Foyt
  - Reverberate
  - Just sitting there
  - Sports building
  - Boring companion
  - Sad; forlorn
  - \_ one's goals; succeed
  - Turner or Koppel
  - Upper room
  - VP Spiro \_
  - "You \_ what you eat"
  - Jewish leader
  - Claim against property
  - Goal; objective
  - Balloon gas
  - " Maria"
  - Fitting; relevant
  - Hors d'oeuvres table offering
  - Interfere
  - John, in Scotland
  - Stockbroker's advice
  - Beginning; start
  - Use a crowbar
  - Fine and \_; wonderful
  - Uptight
  - Cry
  - Daydream
  - \_ machine; arcade sight
  - Crude minerals
  - Pieces of ice
  - Opera solo
  - Dryer residue
  - Adams & Falco
  - Dodgers or A's
  - Finishes
  - Bullwinkle's pal
  - Angel's instrument

- DOWN**
- Sudden attack
  - Disassemble
  - Chime
  - Add sugar to
  - Deception
  - British noble



- Biggest spade
- Lawmaking body
- Stretch of land
- American \_ Association; AMA
- Farmland unit
- Prison knife
- Actress Lange
- Some, but not many
- Gives work to
- Tall wardrobe
- Hertz rival
- Basic assumption
- Has to have
- Broadcast
- VP Joe \_
- Construct
- Suggest indirectly
- Hairy as an \_
- Sweetheart, for short
- Change slightly
- Salary
- Hates
- Day of rest

- Artificial; fake
- Actor \_ Knotts
- Friendlier
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- Actor's part
- " go bragh!"
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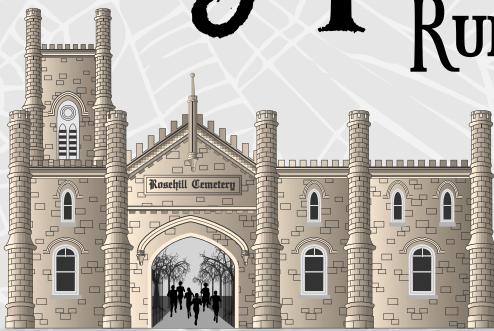
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# Hallo-who?

No candy for you unless you're rocking a topical celeb costume this All Hallow's Eve

By Ernest Wilkins | REDEYE

It's time to retire that Lady Gaga meat suit and file away that Borat costume—that's so 2011. Here's RedEye's abridged look at the hottest costume ideas of the season. We claim no responsibility for any frostbite they may cause.

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## The Fab 5

How many of you have already started researching your U.S. women's gymnastics team outfits? It's going to be the group costume of the year.

Now you just have to decide who's going to be McKayla Maroney, Kyla Ross,

Alexandra Raisman, Gabby Douglas or Jordyn Wieber.



## PSY

Duh! There are going to be a LOT of people showing off their "Gangnam Style" this year. Guys, girls, doesn't matter. Even better, assemble all the characters from the video and make it a group costume!

## Pregnant Snooki

Come on, you know this one. Poofy hair, tacky spray tan, too much makeup, a bottle of your favorite liquor in hand and a prosthetic baby bump—unless you're already pregnant.

## Katniss

This one's easy. Brown leather jacket, green pants, brown boots, a bow and arrows. Don't forget to braid your hair. It helps if you're a female too.



## NICKI MINAJ

You honestly can get away with any kind of costume this year as long as you pop a pink wig on and say you're Nicki Minaj. Be sure to pad your rear if you're not as, um ... blessed ... as she is back there.

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## ALANA "HONEY BOO BOO" THOMPSON

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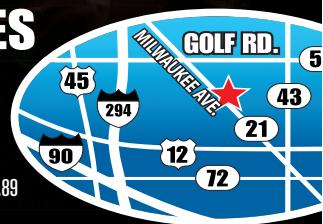
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Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher

There's really no denying this relationship anymore after the former "That '70s Show" stars were spotted kissing last week in Central Park. On Sunday, they were out again in New York—this time wearing matching Chicago Bears T-shirts as Kutcher cuddled Kunis, [people.com](#) reports.



# Hellooo, Sofia!

Sofia Vergara's butt must have gotten jealous of all the attention paid to her chest. The Colombian beauty tweeted a photo from the Emmys on Sunday of a split in the back of her slinky turquoise gown, which revealed quite a bit of Vergara's rear assets. The wardrobe malfunction was repaired before "Modern Family" picked up its outstanding comedy award.



Sofia Vergara  
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## THE DIGIT

**2** That's how many Olsens were absent Saturday from a 25th anniversary reunion of the cast of "Full House," [eonline.com](#) reports. No word on why Mary-Kate and Ashley didn't make the party, but John Stamos did tweet a video of himself performing "Step By Step" with D.J. Tanner and Kimmy Gibbler—er, Candace Cameron Bure and Andrea Barber.



## 'Family' affair

From funny to frightening, **Eric Stonestreet** can do it all. While the "Modern Family" star was picking up his supporting actor in a comedy Emmy on Sunday, "American Horror Story" creator Ryan Murphy told [tvline.com](#) that Stonestreet will make a return appearance on that show—this time as a killer. Mitchell would be so disappointed.

## What a pal!

Justin Bieber won't be getting pulled over in that Fisker Karma sports car anymore. Entertainment sites including [eonline.com](#) and [tmz.com](#) are reporting that Bieber's BFF Sean Kingston now is in control of the vehicle, in which the pop star was ticketed for reckless driving.

## Support group

"X Factor" judge Demi Lovato visited Katie Couric's show Monday, and as the former Disney Channel star shared her problems with body image and bulimia, her host chimed in to concur. "I wrestled with bulimia all through college and for two years after that," Couric said, according to the New York Post.

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